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TAGS: OVIP (EDGAR, ROBERT W.) EG
SUBJECT: CODEL EDGAR VISIT TO EGYPT

REF: STATE 78869

1. ALTHOUGH CODEL EDGAR APRIL 14-18 VISIT WAS PRIVATE, WE WERE ABLE TO PROGRAM BUSY SCHEDULE AT CODEL'S REQUEST TO BENEFIT FROM FIRST VISIT TO EGYPT. HIGHLIGHT OF VISIT WAS APRIL 17 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT (SEPTTEL). CODEL ALSO MET WITH PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY REP TAWFIQ ABDU ISMAIL FOR ONE-HOUR APRIL 17. ISMAIL REVIEWED BRIEFLY HISTORY OF PEOPLES ASSEMBLY AND EGYPTIAN POLITICAL PARTIES. HE OUTLINED PROBLEMS FACED BY ECONOMY AND IMPORTANCE HE PERSONALLY ATTACHED TO DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT CADRES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SYSTEMS. HE PRAISED EGYPTIANS AS HIGHLY COMPETENT PEOPLE WHO HAVE PROVEN THEIR ABILITY TO WORK WELL UNDER ESTABLISHED SYSTEMS; E.G. FOREIGN-MANAGED HOTEL CLAIMS. HOWEVER, IN MOST SECTORS OF ECONOMY SUCH SYSTEMS WERE LACKING AND EGYPTIANS' ABILITIES WERE DISSIPATED. ON PEACE PROSPECTS ISMAIL STRESSED STRONG DESIRE OF ALL EGYPTIANS FOR PEACE. HE SAID THAT WHEN PRESIDENT SADAT SPOKE TO PEOPLES ASSEMBLY ON OCTOBER 16, 1973 AND CALLED FOR NEGOTIATED PEACE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL, EGYPT HAD UPPER HAND MILITARILY AND IN FACT SADAT

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WAS NOT EVEN AWARE WHEN HE GAVE THIS SPEECH THAT ISRAELIS HAD LANDED ON WEST BANK OF CANAL.

2. CODEL WAS HOSTED AT LUNCHEON AT AHARAM BY EZ AL-DIN SHAWKAT, SENIOR RESEARCHER, DURING WHICH CODEL GOT NON-OFFICIAL (AND MORE PESSIMISTIC) EGYPTIAN VIEW OF PEACE PROSPECTS. AMBASSADOR HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR EXTENSIVE EXCHANGES WITH

CODEL TO AND FROM MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AT BARRAGES
AND AT SOCIAL FUNCTION AT RESIDENCE SAME EVEING. MEETINGS
LEFT LITTLE TIME FOR SIGHTSEEING OTHER THAN TWO-DAY
TRIP TO LUXOR.

3. ONLY PUBLITY CODEL RECEIVED WAS PHOTOGRAPH IN
APRIL 18 PAPERS OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT.

4. CODEL HAS NOT SEEN THIS MESSAGE. DEPT PLEASE PASS.
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